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SUBJ: MARONITE PATRIARCH KHREISH

MARONITE PATRIARCH KHREISH HAS JUST TELEPHONE TO INVITE ME FOR LUNCH ALONE TOMORROW. ARE THERE ANY POINTS THE DEPT WISHES ME TO MAKE? UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE, I PLAN TO BE NEGATIVE ON HIS TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES. THIS VIEW IS BASED ON: (1) HIS WISDOM AND MODERATION ARE REQUIRED IN LEBANON TODAY; (2) I DO NOT SEE WHAT WOULD BE GAINED, AND I CAN SEE POSSIBLE EMBARRASSMENT TO US FROM HIS SEEKING TO CONVINCE OUR LEADERS OF THE JUSTICE OF THE MARONITE CAUSE; (3) IF KHREISH TRAVELS TO THE STATES AND IS HEARD BY ITS LEADERS, THE MUFTI, DRUZE OR SHIIA RELIGIOUS LEADERS COULD SEEK SIMILAR TREATMENT. GODLEY

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